



dayton, Ore.  
April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Vicki & Jim.

Hi! I suppose you are home by now and had a lovely trip and I hope it turned out well for Jim - How was the flight? and did you get to talk to Louise? She and Jim are coming up to Dayton starting out a week from today - and will be at the farm for about two weeks. Guess I told you that before -

Spring finally found its way to the Willamette Valley this last week - this is the fourth beautiful day! But is clouding up a little this afternoon (late). I spread around some roses yesterday and put bark dust over them today and pulled grass around the blueberries, etc. Dad and Ken mowed

yesterday so everything looks pretty nice for the moment. The Camellias are blooming and the later daffodils and primroses - I wish my knees could take more "gardening" - ! I'm shopping for a few shrubs to plant around the house we got from the school - maybe tomorrow I'll find what I want (for what I want to pay!) Whatever I set out I'll probably have to take care of from time to time as they're a little indifferent to yard work. Teri just came in to tell me she saw another snake - they're all quite terrified of snakes altho I assure them they're harmless little garter snakes. So now whenever I want them to stay out of my flowers I'll just say "I saw a snake in there". Ha -

Ken and Debbie came by Sat. morning and traded cars with me to go to the beach - I envied them the driving as it

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was such a beautiful day - they built a fire at Fogarty Creek Park and roasted weiners - they came back in time for waffles with us for supper. She had her hair cut short in sort of a tapered or feathered pixie cut and it looks real cute.

We haven't heard any more from George since about my birthday but I trust he's ok. Grandma Gould writes that Jackie is busy keeping their house "neat" enough for real estate people to show - I'm really sad to think they'll have to leave Hawaii for St. Louis.

By the way, when is Jim's birthday? I think it's sometime this month (?) but never did know the day so let me know - and did I thank you for the lovely card and letter you sent me? It was really nice to be remembered! I still have all my cards on the shelf in the dining area - But must make

myself take them down very soon <sup>Deveney</sup> however you asked me about Janie & Ayres(?) address - I don't know if they bought a house or not but feel sure the P. would forward mail to any new address they'd have - they're still in Corvallis, I know -

Dad's still working on the Laughlin barn, box stalls etc - now that the weather's good and they have the roof on. I'm not working any extra at the P. right now but have been getting over my cough and exercising with Jack La Lanne, taking a few naps, etc - Very heavy schedule -

I suppose you and Jim have a little yard work to do, too, now that Spring's come to Virginia - Or has it snowed again? Write real soon and tell us about your trips and everything - we love hearing from you. Hope you're both ok -

Lots of love,  
Mom & Dad.